



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Assembly Bill 811	Assembly Substitute Amendment 2
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Assembly Bill 811 creates funding for the Wisconsin Advantage Jobs Training Program.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 2 does the following:

1. Provides an annual appropriation to the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board for \$500,000 general purpose revenue (GPR) starting in 2004-05 to support the activities enumerated in 2003 Assembly Bill 796 (as amended by Assembly Substitute Amendment 2 to 2003 Assembly Bill 796).
2. Authorizes the WTCS Board to make grants from the appropriation to technical college districts to support the Wisconsin Advantage Jobs Training Program contracts. Assembly Substitute Amendment 2 provides that the board may not award a grant unless the business matches the grant total.
3. Specifies that for purposes of 2005-07 budget, base funding for the program will be treated as if it were \$1,000,000 GPR in 2004-05.
4. Reduces the Department of Commerce's Wisconsin Development Fund appropriation by \$500,000 GPR in 2003-04 to reflect transfer to the Wisconsin Advantage Jobs Training Program.
5. Permits the district board to raise funds or provide support for the program by any means "necessary or convenient" other than by property tax levy and except as expressly limited by law or the WTCS Board or district rule.
6. Excludes grant amounts from "district aidable cost" calculations.
7. Provides that the act is *void* unless Assembly Bill 796 is enacted into law before the effective date of the legislation.

Legislative History

2003 Assembly Bill 811 was introduced on February 5, 2004 by Representative Krawczyk and others; cosponsored by Senator Leibham and others. Assembly Bill 811 was referred to the Assembly Committee on Workforce Development on the same date. The committee held a public hearing on February 11, 2004. On February 18, the committee held an executive session and recommended adoption of Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 5. The committee then recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on an identical vote. The bill was referred to the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) on February 19, 2004. Assembly Substitute Amendment 2 was offered by the JFC on March 4, 2004. On the same date, the JFC reported adoption of Assembly Substitute Amendment 2 on a vote of Ayes, 12; Noes, 4. The JFC then reported passage of the bill, as amended, on an identical vote.

It should be noted that the JFC also reported out Senate companion bills at the same session: Assembly Bill 811 is the companion bill to Senate Bill 451; Assembly Bill 796 is the companion bill to Senate Bill 384.

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